

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~MD008~~ CH-935

Address: 6785 Valley Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Ricketts, Rita A

Tax Parcel Number: 204 Tax Map Number: 32

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

6785 Valley Road is a one-story, three-bay wide, wood frame dwelling. The house is covered by a side gable roof. A shed roof porch extends from the main elevation (northeast) around to the southeast elevation. The porch is supported by turned wood posts and has a railing constructed of turned wood balustrades.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of La Plata. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services


Date

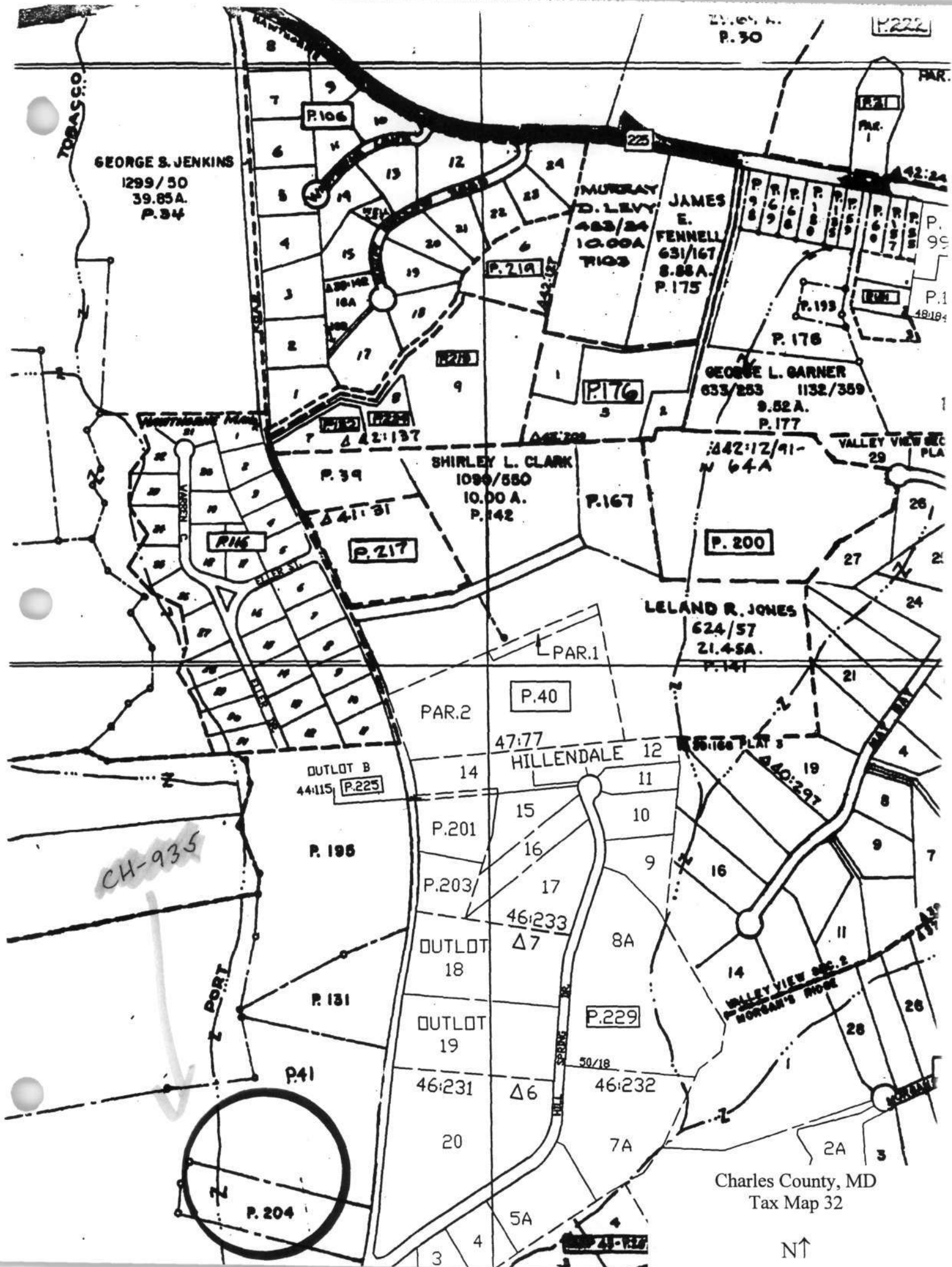
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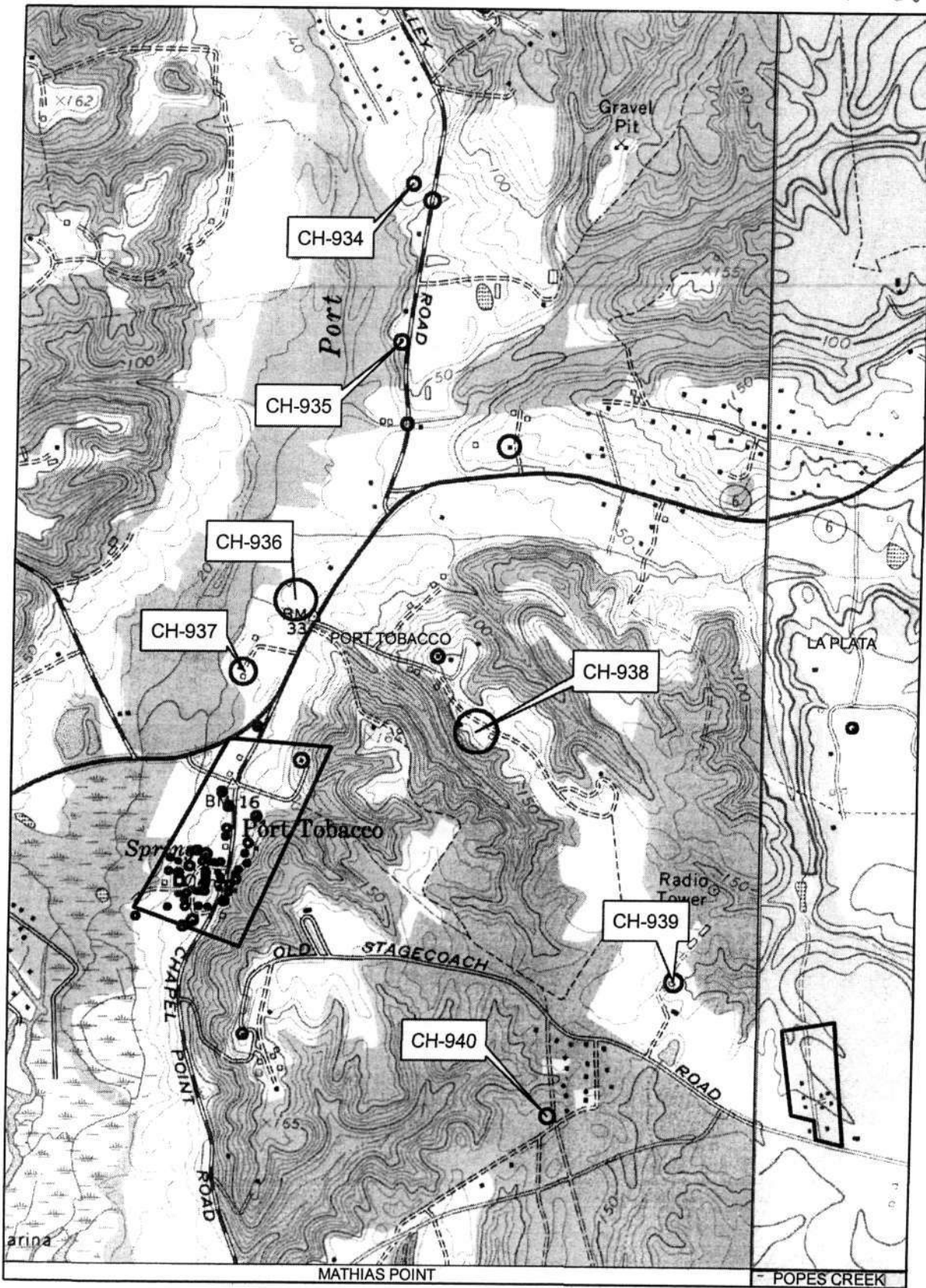
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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this significantly altered Colonial Revival-style house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development surrounding La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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